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Chief Executive Officer

April 8, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES: AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WITH
ASTHMA AND ALLERGY FOUNDATION OF AMERICA CALIFORNIA CHAPTER
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and instruct the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to sign Amendment No. 3 to Lease Agreement No. H-205253 with the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) California Chapter, to accept the conditional donation of one additional mobile asthma treatment clinic by LAC+USC Medical Center (LAC+USC) valued at \$165,000, effective upon Board approval, to function as a "stand-by" replacement mobile unit for any of the four existing mobile units provided pursuant to the aforementioned Agreement.
2. Approve and instruct the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to accept grant funds from the AAFA, Exhibit II, in the amount of \$107,429 for the reimbursement of various costs related to the initial operation of the fifth mobile asthma treatment clinic.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Under the current no cost Lease Agreement, AAFA provides four mobile asthma treatment clinics to LAC+USC to support the ongoing provision of regular asthma screening and treatment services provided under the current school-based

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asthma program. Approval of Amendment No. 3, substantially similar to Exhibit I, will allow LAC+USC to accept one additional mobile asthma treatment clinic that will function as a ready stand-by unit in the event that any of the existing four mobile asthma treatment clinics become inoperative or are under routine maintenance. The current mobile units include those that are nearly a decade old. They all have increasing maintenance and unanticipated repair needs that without a "stand-by" vehicle will disrupt school-based patient care delivery. Acceptance of the grant funds from the AAFA will cover the set up costs for the additional unit.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There are no leasing charges under the Lease Agreement. Grant funds received from the AAFA in the amount of \$107,429 will be used to reimburse one-time start up estimated costs of \$5,429 for equipment such as a computer, fax machine, printer, etc. to furnish the additional mobile clinic. The grant funds will also be used to reimburse \$85,000 for the cost of an existing nurse and \$17,000 to cover the initial year of operating costs. LAC+USC will provide space for the mobile asthma treatment clinic, as well as maintenance and liability insurance coverage. Ongoing operating costs such as maintenance, gasoline, insurance, and other supplies are estimated to be \$22,530 annually and will be covered by existing resources. No additional staff will be requested as this unit will function as a "backup" unit only. There is no additional net County cost.

LAC+USC will continue to maintain an aggressive financial screening and billing program. In addition, the Department will pursue all available funding sources, such as grants to further offset program costs. It should be noted that all patients are screened by an on-site patient resources worker, and all qualified patients receive assistance in completing applications for Medi-Cal or other appropriate third-party payer programs.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On October 31, 1995, the Board approved the initial lease agreement with AAFA and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) for the implementation of a school-based asthma treatment program to provide asthma treatment services at 18 schools sites in the LAUSD.

On December 16, 1997, the Board approved Amendment No. 1, an MOU with LAUSD that allowed LAC+USC to continue providing asthma treatment services at 18 school sites and an MOU to expand asthma treatment services at an additional 41 school sites in the LAUSD.

On October 17, 2000, the Board approved Amendment No. 2, an MOU with LAUSD that allowed LAC+USC to provide ongoing asthma treatment services at 59 school sites and an MOU to expand asthma treatment services at an additional 10 school sites in the LAUSD and at an additional 10 school sites in the Montebello Unified School District (MUSD).

The mobile asthma treatment clinics periodically schedule visits to elementary, junior high, and high schools in the LAUSD and MUSD to provide diagnostic care and treatment to high risk children. At each school site, the health team will evaluate and treat approximately 20 students with asthma on-site. The school nurse will monitor the patients between the visits of the mobile asthma treatment clinics. No child will be denied treatment due to lack of funds.

Between five and ten percent of the Los Angeles County population suffers from asthma. It is the number one chronic disease of childhood, as well as the leading cause of pediatric emergency department visits, expensive inpatient admissions, and missed school days. Unfortunately, many children with asthma remain undiagnosed, and therefore, untreated. Morbidity and mortality from asthma continue to increase. For most patients, asthma can be controlled and symptoms abated by properly utilizing currently available treatment modalities.

The Department of Health Services (DHS) – Clinical Resource Management program, AAFA, the LAUSD, the MUSD, the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California and LAC+USC are in a unique partnership that addresses this vital concern by providing asthma screening and treatment services to the community via school-based mobile clinics. Key elements of this program include classroom-based screening for asthma, educating children and their families about asthma control and computerized, clinical-guideline driven asthma care delivery.

The school-based asthma treatment program has delivered impressive results and was the first in the Country to receive the Joint Commission award of distinction for Disease Management. The program was able to reduce emergency department and inpatient admissions for children with asthma by 75 percent and school absenteeism decreased 60 percent for children enrolled in the program.

County Counsel has reviewed Exhibits I and Exhibit II as to form.

This amendment will become effective upon Board approval.

Attachment A is the Grant Management Statement required by the Board for all grant awards exceeding \$100,000.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of Amendment No. 3 and acceptance of the grant funds will ensure the ongoing provisions of regular asthma screening and treatment services to schools within Los Angeles County by providing a "stand-by" vehicle to ensure provision of uninterrupted services under the current school-based asthma program.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval of the recommendations, the Department of Health Services requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,



WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

WTF:SRH:SAS
MLM:LT:bjs

Attachments (3)

c: County Counsel
Director and Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health Services

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**Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000**

Department: Health Services		
Grant Project Title and Description – Mobile Asthma Treatment Clinic Lease Agreement		
A school-based asthma treatment program at approximately 80 schools in the Los Angeles County School and Montebello Unified School Districts. The AAFA will donate an additional “Breathmobile” valued at \$165,000 and grant funds related to the initial operation of this 5 th Unit.		
Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
AAFA	N/A – Award Letter on File dated March 11, 2008	ASAP
Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$107,429 County Match Requirements: N/A Grant Period: 1 year Begin Date: Date of Board Approval End Date: 12 Months Number of Personnel Hired Under this Grant: 0 Full Time 0 Part Time		
<u>Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires</u>		
Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant funded program?	Yes _____ No <u>X</u>	
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary (“N”) items?	Yes _____ No <u>X</u>	
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires	Yes <u>X</u> No _____	
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:		
a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes <u>X</u> No _____	
b). Identify other revenue sources (Describe)	Yes <u>X</u> No _____	
c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by this grant.	Yes <u>X</u> No _____	
Impact of additional personnel on existing space:		
Other requirements not mentioned above		

Department Head Signature  Date 3-21-08

Contract No. H-205253-3

MOBILE ASTHMA TREATMENT CLINIC LEASE AGREEMENT

Amendment No. 3

THIS AMENDMENT is made and entered into this _____ day
of _____ 2008,

by and between	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (hereafter "County") ,
and	ASTHMA AND ALLERGY FOUNDATION OF AMERICA, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER (hereafter "AAFA")

WHEREAS, reference is made to that certain document titled "MOBILE ASTHMA TREATMENT CLINIC LEASE AGREEMENT ", dated December 20, 1995, and further identified as County Agreement No. H-205253 between the County and Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Southern Chapter (Contractor) and any Amendments thereto (all hereafter referred to as "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS it is the intent of the parties to amend Agreement to provide for the changes set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement provides that changes may be made in the form of a written amendment which is formally approved and executed by both parties.

WHEREAS, the new mobile unit will serve as a "stand-by" vehicle to mitigate the disruption in care delivery when one of the current four Breathmobiles are unavailable due to scheduled and unscheduled maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. This Amendment shall become effective on the date first herein above written.

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2. Paragraph 2, titled AAFA OBLIGATIONS, is revised to read as follows:

“2. “AAFA OBLIGATIONS: AAFA agrees to provide Medical Center during the term of this Agreement with an additional fully-equipped thirty-four (34) foot mobile asthma treatment clinic (hereafter “Mobile Clinic”) to further support the ongoing provision of regular asthma screening and treatment services of the current school-based mobile asthma treatment program first established pursuant to this Agreement.”

“3. AAFA has donated to County the first four (4) Mobile Clinics used under Agreement to be used for the purposes set forth in Agreement. County assumes all responsibility, for the operation of said Mobile Clinic(s) and agrees to return each said Mobile Clinic(s) to AAFA if said Mobile Clinic(s) is (are) not used for purposed consistent with Agreement. It is AAFA’s intent to donate the fifth Mobile Clinic to County under the same terms and conditions, upon which it donated the four (4) previous Mobile Clinics.

3. Except for the changes set forth above, Agreement shall not be changed in any respect by this Amendment.

[illegible]

Director of Health Services, and the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Southern California Chapter has caused this Amendment to be subscribed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, the day, month and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By

Bruce A. Chernof, MD
Director of Health Services

ASTHMA AND ALLERGY FOUNDATION
OF AMERICA, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
CHAPTER

By _____

Printed Name

Title _____
(AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL HERE)

APPROVED AS TO FORM
BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL
Raymond G. Fortner
County Counsel

APPROVED AS TO CONTRACT
ADMINISTRATION:

Department of Health Services

By _____
Cara O'Neill, Chief
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March 11, 2008

Bruce A. Chernof, MD
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Dear Dr. Chernof:

On behalf of the California Chapter of the Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA), I am pleased to offer additional support for the provision of care for children with Asthma in Los Angeles County. Specifically, in support of the agreement (H-205253) between AAFA and the Los Angeles County - Department of Health Services school-based Asthma program, AAFA will donate an additional "Breathmobile" valued at \$165,000 and funds of \$107,429 for the costs related to the initial operation of this 5th mobile unit.

The new mobile unit will serve as a "stand-by" vehicle to mitigate the disruption in care delivery when one of the current four Breathmobiles are unavailable due to scheduled and unscheduled maintenance. The funding allocation shall be used to reimburse one-time start up costs for equipment, and one year of funding for a registered nurse as identified in Appendix A. In addition, AAFA will provide for one year of physician funding in the amount of \$135,000 to be paid directly to the USC Keck School of Medicine.

Sincerely,

Francene Lifson
 Executive Director

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Appendix A

	BUDGET
Breathmobile (Motor Home)	\$165,000
RN Salary	\$ 85,000
Various Equipment	\$ 5,429
Supplies, gas, maintenance	\$ 17,000
Total	\$272,429